Appln. No. 09/980,238

Amdt. dated February 28, 2006

Reply to Office Action dated December 1, 2005

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicant would like to thank the Examiner for the careful consideration given the

present application.

Claim 1, 8 and 9 have been amended. Claim 7 has been canceled.

Applicant would like to thank the Examiner for the indication that claims 5 and 6 are

allowed, and claims 7-9 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim.

Claim 1 has been amended with the subject matter of claim 7, and claim 7 has been

canceled. Therefore, claim 1 is in condition for allowance. Claims 2 and 3 depend from claim

1. Therefore, claims 2 and 3 are also in condition for allowance.

Claims 8 and 9 have been rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations

of the base claim and any intervening claims. Therefore, claims 8 and 9 are in condition for

allowance.

In light of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in a

condition for allowance and notice to that effect is hereby requested. .

If there are any additional fees resulting from this communication, please charge same

to our Deposit Account No. 16-0820, our Order No. 34205.

Respectfully submitted,

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